

Assignment TV

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"The control of time is the most valuable discovery man will ever make," said the bright young (TV) scientist. This season television has finally discovered the time barrier and it threatens to become bigger than anything since plunging necklines. Not all of it is scientific. Three new programs have dabbled with time: "Star Trek" (adult science fiction on Thursdays); "The Time Tunnel" (contemporary Jules Verne on Fridays); and "It's About Time" (cave-man capers on Sundays).

The most lavishly produced of these is "The Time Tunnel." Like its predecessors, "Lost in Space" and "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea," it employs enough flashing lights, neon tubes, crackles, and pops to blow out every fuse south of San Luis Obispo. The real hero of this series is the set designer.

The Time Tunnel itself is an impressive aluminum cave. Anyone who walks into its paws causes a lot of fireworks after which he is propelled either backward or forward in time. POW. Unfortunately, like so many other modern appliances, not all the kinks have been worked out — like getting the guy back, for example.

TWO OF THE scientists. (James Darren and Robert Colbert) are sputtered backward to the deck of the British liner "S.S. Titanic" on its maiden voyage — and few maidenhoods have been of such short duration, as we all know. They fail to convince the skipper that his ship is doomed. Future episodes will find the tunnel boys pleading with Sitting Bull not to send his braves against General Custer, opening King Tut's tomb, and saving London from The Plague.

ON THE OTHER hand, "Star Trek" is a real science fiction show and will tap the best of the S-F writers like Ray Bradbury. There is a minimum of flashing lights and no pops at all. It's the 22nd Century and all the kinks are out of THEIR time machine. It is aboard the 300,000-ton space ship USS Enterprise, which is ten stories high and has a population of 400.

On "Star Trek" the story is more important than the sets. As a matter of fact, the interiors of the spaceship look like elevator lobbies and the exteriors are so poorly photographed that the "Enterprise" appears to be nothing but a tiny model on a revolving track (which it is). But the opening yarn was a breath-catcher about a strange

Sidewalks Planned in Carson Area

To provide increased safety for children, sidewalks will be installed on the south side of 220th Street between Bonita Street and Avalon boulevard, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has announced.

Work will begin this week on constructing four-foot-wide concrete sidewalk and a retaining wall along Bonita Street. Asphaltic concrete curb and sidewalk will be installed along part of the street.

Hahn said the sidewalks will provide increased safety especially for children attending Bonita Avenue Elementary School at 21929 Bonita St.

Two South Bay Men Join Betts

Appointment of Charles Wortham, 35-year resident of Redondo Beach, and Richard F. Healy, Hermosa Beach attorney, as 48th Assembly District co-chairmen of the Committee to Re-elect Bert A. Betts as treasurer of California was announced this week by Betts.

Wortham, 112 Vista Del Mar, has long been active in Beach Area civic affairs and Democratic Party activities.

Healy, of 2907 Braeholm Place, has law offices in Inglewood and is a member of both the South Bay and Inglewood Bar Associations, serving as vice-president of the latter.

HAHN CITES DANGERS

Freeway Light Review Sought

The State Division of Highways has been asked to thoroughly review the lighting on the Harbor Freeway to increase safety for motorists driving at night.

In a letter to E. T. Telford, Metropolitan District Engineer, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn asked for the review. "As I travel the Harbor Freeway at night, it seems certain sections are dangerous because of poor lighting," Hahn said.

He noted the Harbor Freeway carries more than 225,000 vehicles a day. "Our citizens deserve to be assured maximum safety on our highways," Hahn said.

Noting some of the lights on the freeway were installed as far back as 1950 when the

freeway was built, he asked Helford to modernize existing old lights and to work for immediate improvement on completely dark sections, as well as areas that have a high accident rate.

"It seems to me that the State Highway Engineers has been negligent to a degree in providing better lighting on our freeways and could improve night driving for the motorists on freeways in California," Hahn said.

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First Petition Signed in Campaign to Limit Taxes

County Assessor Philip E. Watson, Supervisor Frank Bonelli, and Assemblyman Joe Gonsalves have kicked off their property tax limitation initiative by signing the first petition in Watson's office.

They were the first of half a million signatures needed to qualify the petition. Deadline for obtaining the signatures on the original petition is Dec. 13 of this year, with a possible extension for supplementary signatures to Feb. 8, 1967.

The initiative calls for the removal of schools from the property tax and a 1 per cent total tax limit no later than 10 years after it is passed by the voters.

Watson pointed out that the 1 per cent limit could be achieved immediately if the legislature moved at the next session to provide other revenue for the schools.

Assemblyman Gonsalves said he was hopeful that the legislature would try to pass

a sound property tax reform bill at the next session. "If we have this initiative qualified by the first of the year, the legislature should accept this as a mandate to take the schools off the property tax at once," Gonsalves added.

All three officials expressed confidence the initiative drive would be successful and urged that contributions and offers of help be sent to the Committee for Tax Limitation, P. O. Box 1631, Los Angeles 90053.

Army Private Eugene A. Mroczko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Mroczko, 2613 High Cliff Drive, completed a 12-week communication center specialist course at the Army Southeastern Signal School, Ft. Gordon, Ga., Sept. 9.

During his training, he learned to operate teletype sets and other communications equipment.

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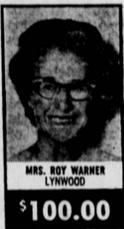
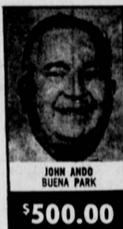
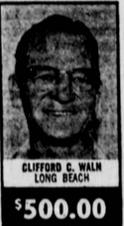
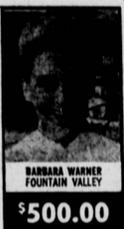
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